



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED
ONES A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND
SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON
& NEW YEAR!

BOROUGH ADOPTS .5 MILL EMS/AMBULANCE REAL ESTATE TAX

Borough Council adopted a .5 mill Emergency Medical Service/Ambulance Real Estate Tax that provides a Premium Household Subscription to Lower Alsace Emergency Medical Services (LAEMS) that provides:

- Emergency ambulance treatment and transportation to a Berks County hospital for services deemed "medically necessary" by your insurance provider. No out of pocket cost is incurred for "medically necessary" transportation.
- Charges for up to (6) SIX non-transport emergency incidents are waived for the calendar year.

LAEMS provides first due Basic (BLS) and Advanced (ALS) Life Support emergency medical services to the residents of Lower Alsace Township, Mount Penn Borough, St. Lawrence Borough, and Alsace Townships. LAEMS maintains a highly trained team of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics ready to respond to any medical emergency you may experience, with the latest in lifesaving EMS medications and technology.

These changes and improvements come at a cost which is defrayed by contributions from our municipalities, soliciting subscription memberships, donations from the citizens we serve, billing patient insurance, and when insurance does not cover the cost of services billing the patient out of pocket. The last of these is where a subscription membership can assist you in preventing high ambulance bills. Residents may also choose to make a voluntary charitable contribution.

BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 2024 - 8.18 MILLS

GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX 7.00 MILLS * FIRE TAX .68 MILLS * EMS TAX .5 MILLS

On a home assessed at \$100,000 the Borough property taxes would be \$700 for the General Fund and \$68 for the Fire Tax Fund and \$50 for the EMS Tax Fund for a total of \$818. The Fire Tax may only be used on expenditures related to providing Fire Protection (fire hydrants, 911 fees for dispatching fire service, payments to Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Company & Mt. Penn Fire Company) and the EMS Tax may only be used on expenditures related to providing ambulance service (payment to LAEMS, 911 fees for dispatching ambulance). Administrative expenses are calculated proportionately across the funds.

BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTS AMANDA MUSO AS BOROUGH SECRETARY REPLACING SUSAN EGGERT, WHO IS RETIRING FROM FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Council appointed Amanda Muso as the Borough Secretary at their December 14th monthly meeting, the position becomes effective December 25th. Susan Eggert remains as Tax Collector, an elected position. Tax payments will only be receipted during her office hours, which will be posted online at a later date. Tax payments may be dropped at Borough Hall and placed in the lock boxes on the exterior of Borough Hall or in the Borough Office, but a self addressed stamped envelope must be enclosed for a receipt. Along with her Tax Collection duties, Susan will be running the Parks & Recreation program. She will be planning the Easter Egg Hunt and the summer playground program. Messages for Susan can be left at Borough Hall during office hours or by voice mail. Good Luck Susan!

TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE: 1-800-541-2050 **IF ANY EMERGENCY IS LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1**

CONTACT BOROUGH OFFICE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES: ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OR WATERWAYS THAT IS NOT THE RESULT OF FIRE FIGHTING OR A RAIN EVENT

(SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR BOROUGH STAFF EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2023					1	2
3	4 YARD WASTE	5 TRASH/RECYCLE	6	7	8	9
10	11 YARD WASTE	12 TRASH/RECYCLE	13	14 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	15	16
17	18 YARD WASTE	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21	22	23
24	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28	29	30
31	NO YARD WASTE PICKUP CHRISTMAS WEEK					



ICE & SNOW TAKE IT SLOW - SAFETY AROUND SNOW PLOWS

First Snow or Ice – Drivers usually aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between vehicles.

Black Ice – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas. All are hot spots for black ice.

Limited Visibility – Stay attentive and reduce your speed. Know what's going on around you.

Distance – Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate or try to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

Vision – A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow and watch for sudden stops or turns.

Ice & Snow ... Take It Slow – Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Try not to pass the plow.

Beware of Snow Clouds – Snowplows often create clouds as they clear the roads. These snow clouds can reduce your ability to see. SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED/POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, CodeRed, AND WFMZ TV. **REMINDER: VEHICLES NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES OR THEY WILL BE TOWED. PLEASE SAVE THE POLICE TIME & EFFORT BY REMOVING YOUR VEHICLES PROMPTLY.**



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Borough uses the Code Red System to notify residents and businesses about emergencies and general notifications, such as trash pickup changes.

If you are signed up, please verify that all your contact information is correct. **If you have made any changes to you email, cell number and/or landline, it must be changed or removed from the CodeRed system.**

If you are new to the Borough please sign up for notifications with CodeRed. Access the CodeRed system through the link on the home page of the Borough website @ www.stlawboro.us. CodeRed will be used for emergency notifications (snow emergency, etc.) and general notifications (trash day change). Any questions, please contact the Boro Office.

If you no longer wish to receive calls, texts or emails and/or are moving out of the Borough, please call the Borough Office and provide all your contact information so we may add it to the DO NOT CONTACT list.

This is the quickest method we have for contacting the Borough residents in Case of Emergency. We avoid making excessive contacts.

SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

The Borough is not responsible for plowing the streets from curb to curb or for cleaning the space around your mailbox or driveway. Residents should park their vehicles off of the street to prevent your vehicle from being plowed in; providing the plow driver the space required to clean the roadway. The plow makes one pass to open the street and returns later to clear the driving lanes. Please do not clear your driveway until after the plow truck has finished.

When a snow emergency is declared promptly remove your vehicle from the snow emergency routes. If your vehicle is parked on a Borough Street that is not a Snow Emergency Route and you have space to move the car off the street, please do so. Any vehicle removed from the streets makes plowing easier and safer for the plow drivers.

As a reminder, Perkiomen Avenue, St. Lawrence Avenue and Oley Turnpike Road are state roads and will not be plowed by the Borough. Contact PennDOT Berks County Maintenance @ 610-929-0766 with any issues concerning the State Roadways (Perkiomen Avenue, Oley Turnpike Road and Saint Lawrence Avenue).

If you see an unsafe condition or an emergency on Borough roads that needs attention please call Roadmaster Derrek Rhoads at 484-577-9981 or contact the Borough office at 610-779-1430. Please do not call to ask when your road will be plowed. Please note that if a snow emergency is declared, your cooperation is required in order to properly clear the roadways.

All residents are reminded that by state law and Borough Ordinance your sidewalk must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Please be aware that children walk to and from bus stops and if your sidewalk is not cleared children may be forced to walk in the street which can be extremely dangerous especially along St. Lawrence Avenue.

DO NOT THROW, SNOWBLOW OR PLOW SNOW ONTO OR ACROSS ANY PUBLIC STREET IN THE BOROUGH. IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW AND YOU WILL BE TICKETED BY THE POLICE.



SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE IN A DECLARED EMERGENCY OR IT WILL BE TOWED

If you will be out of town, make arrangements for someone to move your vehicle or don't park your vehicle on a Snow Emergency Route.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS - CODE RED, WFMZ AND THE BOROUGH WEBSITE.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS OR PORTIONS OF ROADS ARE SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

St Lawrence Ave - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

Oley Turnpike Rd - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

Adams Street: Both Sides For Its Entire Length

Jacksonwald Ave: From Chestnut St. To Ganster St. : The Even Number (South) Side

Jacksonwald Ave.: Around The Circle

Ganster St: Both Sides

Stoner Ave: From Adams St. To Chestnut St. : Odd Number (North) Side

Elm St.: Even Number (West) Side For Its Entire Length

Patton St.: Walnut St To Brown St Both Sides

Patton St: Brown St To Elm St. : Even Number (South) Side

Lynn Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Orchard Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Penn's Court: Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

Poplar Drive: Intersection Of Teak Drive To The Cul-De-Sac: Both Sides And Circle



THE BOROUGH CONTRACTS WITH THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE FOR 2024 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Services offered to residents of the Borough through the contract, beginning January 1, 2024:

- ◆ Transport (when available) and animal holding services for stray domestic cats and dogs regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status. They will pursue contact of owner. 24/7-365.
- ◆ Animal holding services for stray domestic dogs regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status. Emergency overnight service. Limited, emergency-only transportation available for aggressive or severely injured animals or by request of a police officer. They will pursue contact of owner. 24/7-365.
- ◆ Enforce Dog Law with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Law Officers, including dogs at large, dog bites, dog licenses and cat/dog vaccinations
- ◆ Support local and state police, county sheriffs and constables with search warrants; investigations of dangerous dogs; and removal of animals following evictions or involved in accidents.
- ◆ Support state and county health department with investigation/confirmation of dog/cat bites/scratches; and implementation, compliance and completion of home/shelter quarantines.
- ◆ Investigate animal cruelty and neglect complaints with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Officers
- ◆ Priority access to owners who wish to surrender their pets (owner pays \$50 fee)
- ◆ Hoarding case management and humane removal of live/deceased animals
- ◆ Pickup of rabid, seriously injured, diseased or dangerous animals. Testing of rabid animals.
- ◆ Community access to reduced-price microchip, vaccine or spay/neuter clinics. ARL pursues animal-related grants to expand these services and offer them at low or no cost to eligible municipal residents.
- ◆ Comprehensive and targeted spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping programming to control and reduce the free-roaming community cat population. Outcomes include adoption or Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).
- ◆ Access to an ARL representative **during business hours**, 7 days a week, for questions concerning humane law, animal control and non-cruelty concerns.

GENERAL HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM * SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM

PHONE: 610-373-8830 * FAX: 610-372-6374

ADDRESS: 58 KENNEL ROAD, BIRDSBORO PA 19508

Located immediately off of Rt. 422 and Rt. 176 along Rt. 724 in Cumru

Website: www.berksarl.org

- ◆ Check the website for additional services.
- ◆ Volunteer and donation opportunities are available.
- ◆ Verify office hours
- ◆ Report a lost or found pet

PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for the time period in which they are loaded or unloaded. All trailers must be attached to a motor vehicle. The parking or storage of these items on the streets is deemed to be a traffic hazard injurious to the public interest. The Police are authorized to enforce this ordinance.

* Truck Tractor	*Boat Trailer	* Truck Tractor Trailer
*Trailer	*Tent Trailer	*Recreational Equipment
*Boat	*Cargo Trailer	*Motorized Dwellings
*Motor Homes	*Travel Trailer	* Equipment Trailer

ELECTRONIC TRASH (E-WASTE)

E-WASTE: **TELEVISIONS; DESKTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS; COMPUTER MONITORS; AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS** - keyboards, printer or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input into or output from the computer.



THESE DEVICES MAY NOT BE PLACED IN MUNICIPAL TRASH, IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. IF ANYONE PLACES AN E-WASTE DEVICE FOR CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP, THE HAULER WILL LEAVE THE ITEM AT THE CURB. YOU MUST REMOVE THE ITEM FROM THE CURB IMMEDIATELY.

YOU CAN DONATE THESE ITEMS AT THE GOODWILL DONATION CENTER AS PART OF DELL RECONNECT™

IF THE BOROUGH MUST REMOVE THE ITEM YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL..



**TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION
EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT & COUNTY/BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAXES
PAYMENTS DUE BY DECEMBER 31st**

Payments may be placed in the drop box on the rear of Boro Hall. If mailing your payment, please send by December 22nd. **DO NOT PLACE WATER OR SEWER BILLS IN THE BOX. THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**

FRIENDS OF THE EXETER LIBRARY - 4569 Prestwick Dr., Reading PA 19606

Please print or use a mailing label. Make checks payable to: FRIENDS OF THE EXETER LIBRARY

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Basic Membership: \$10 _____ **Contributor: \$15** _____ **Patron: \$25** _____ **Sponsor: \$50** _____

Special Friend: \$100 or more _____ **Business/Organization \$25 or more** _____

I can also help in this way:

Bake and/or provide refreshments _____

Help at Book & Bake Sale _____

Help at Library Program _____

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE - 2024

Join the Friend of the Exeter Community Library and you will enjoy helping the library in many different ways. We are sorry to say we can no longer have a special preview night for "Friends Only" due to the limitations in the way we have our Book Sales in the future

The Borough annually sponsors Exeter Community Library as a Municipal Supporter @ \$5 per resident.



Central Berks Regional Police Department

Raymond R Serafin - Chief of Police

2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

Hours 8 AM - 4 PM

610-779-1100 (Office) 610-779-7135 (Fax)

Call with complaints or questions.

To contact a Central Berks Officer for a non-emergency situation call 610-655-4911.

- ◆ **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - BUCKLE UP! IT'S THE LAW - DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING**
- ◆ **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES PARKED IN YOUR DRIVEWAY AND ON THE STREET - DON'T LEAVE CHANGE OR OTHER ITEMS VISIBLE TO THIEVES WALKING BY**
- ◆ **All vehicles must have current registration and inspection in order to park on a public street; otherwise they are considered abandoned and are subject to towing and fines.**
- ◆ **REMOVE ALL SNOW AND ICE FROM YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE YOU DRIVE**
- ◆ **Be careful driving on wet leaves.**
- ◆ **Getting a monitored home alarm system - you need a permit, call the Borough for details.**
- ◆ **As you drive, watch for children playing outdoors and sledding.**
- ◆ **Car Seat Safety Check - Call the office to schedule an appointment**
- ◆ **Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office OR email: info@centralberks.org**

Remember, residents and the police are one team, we need to work together to keep our community safe. If you see something that does not seem or feel right please call 911 so we can check it out. It is better to be safe then to be sorry.



Licensing your dog: it's part of being a responsible pet owner. Do it for them, do it for every dog in PA.

- **If a dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him/her back.** A license helps animal control and shelters identify a dog and its rightful owners.
- **It's the law.** All dogs three months and older must be licensed by January 1st.
- **The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one.** Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$500 for each unlicensed dog and court costs.
- **License fees support animal control.** The annual fee to license a dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which provides a number of vital services to protect dogs and the public. Last year, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement:

Dog license available from the County Treasurers office or online at www.padoglicense.com

**CLEAN UP AFTER
YOUR DOG IT'S YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY
AS A PET OWNER**

DOG COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH OFFICE:

1. DOG OWNERS DON'T CLEAN THEIR PROPERTY OF DOG POOP
2. DOG WALKERS DON'T CLEAN UP THEIR DOGS POOP WHILE ON A WALK
3. DOG OWNER LETS DOG OUT OF HOUSE AND IT POOPS ON NEIGHBORS YARD
4. DOG WALKERS LEAVE POOP BAGS ON NEIGHBORS' YARD OR IN NEIGHBORS TRASH CAN
5. DOGS RUNNING FREE - NO LEASH OR UNDER CONTROL OF OWNER

YARD WASTE/LEAF/CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION REMINDERS & CHANGES

- * **COLLECTION DAY REMAINS MONDAYS (WEATHER PERMITTING), ON TUESDAYS FOR MAJOR HOLIDAYS, CHECK THE CALENDAR. ALSO WEATHER PERMITTING COLLECTION: IF MAJOR STORM PREDICTED FOR COLLECTION DAY, YARD WASTE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED (TRUCKS ARE SETUP FOR PLOWING AND SALTING)**
- * **ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE - <https://stlawboro.us>**
- * **CHRISTMAS TREES - PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS (LIGHTS, ORNAMENTS, TINSEL & GARLAND)**
- * **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES ONTO THE STREET, THE BOROUGH ONLY COLLECTS PAPER BAGGED LEAVES OR REUSEABLE CONTAINERS**

YOU MUST CONTACT THE BORO WITH THE FOLLOWING (YOUR STREET ADDRESS, # OF BAGS, BUNDLES AND/OR CHRISTMAS TREE) BY:(SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS)

1. **TEXT MESSAGE (610-655-5243) PREFERRED, UP TO 9 AM THE DAY OF PICKUP**
2. **CALL YARD WASTE MESSAGE LINE (610-401-0720) BY 10 PM THE DAY BEFORE PICKUP**

DON'T JUST PLACE YOUR BAGS AT THE CURB AND EXPECT THEM TO BE COLLECTED

Calling for yard waste pickup saves the Borough employees time and the cost of driving the Borough trucks over 8 miles of roads looking for yard waste. Reminder: plastic bags will not be collected, you must use paper yard waste bags OR reuseable containers no heavier than 25 lbs.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAN OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS (LEAVES, TWIGS, SNOW, ICE, ETC.)

**CLEANING OUT A CLOSET? TIRED OF THE BOXES STACKED IN THE ATTIC OR BASEMENT?
RECYCLE THOSE UNWANTED GOODS - CLOTHES, COATS, SMALL APPLIANCES, COOKWARE, ETC**

There are numerous organizations in Berks County that will take donated goods that are: gently used or new; in good condition; and in the case of Habitat for Humanity appliances UNDER 15 YEARS OLD THAT WORK. CONTACT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR POLICY FOR DROPPING OFF GOODS AND IN SOME CASES PICKING UP GOODS FROM YOUR HOME. The websites of the various organizations list items that will be accepted for donation.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore website: <https://www.habitatberks.org/restore/donate-to-the-restore/> or call 610-921-1315

Hope Rescue Mission's HOPE OUTLET website: <https://www.hopeforreading.org/donateitems> or call 610-741-1640 Donation box locations are listed on their website

Opportunity House's OppShop website: <https://opphouse.org/shop/opppshop.aspx> for large item pickup or those not listed call 610-374-4696 ext. 221

Goodwill - Outlet & Donation Center website: <https://www.yourgoodwill.org/shop/stores-donation-centers/Goodwill-Outlet-Center-Donation-Center-3001-St-Lawrence-Ave-Reading-PA-19606> located in St. Lawrence across from Antietam Plaza

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 COUNCIL REORG & MTG 7:30 PM YARD WASTE	3 TRASH/RECYCLE	4	5	6
7	8 YARD WASTE	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 BOROUGH COUNCIL SEE JAN 2	12	13
14	15 ML King Day OFFICE CLOSED	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17	18	19	20
21	22 YARD WASTE	23 TRASH/RECYCLE	24 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29 YARD WASTE	30 TRASH/RECYCLE	31			
COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024: REORGANIZATION AND MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 15th - CHRISTMAS TREES ARE YARD WASTE						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 YARD WASTE	6 TRASH/RECYCLE	7	8 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's B-Day YARD WASTE	13 TRASH/RECYCLE	14	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED NO YARD WASTE	20 TRASH/RECYCLE	21	22	23	24
25	26 YARD WASTE	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	29		
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS NO YARD WASTE COLLECTION THE WEEK OF THE 19th						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 YARD WASTE	5 TRASH/RECYCLE	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving	11 YARD WASTE	12 TRASH/RECYCLE	13	14 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	15	16
17	18 YARD WASTE	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21	22	23
24	25 YARD WASTE	26 TRASH/RECYCLE	27 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED EGG HUNT	30
31 Easter		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS EGG HUNT 9 AM SHARP AT THE BOROUGH PLAYGROUND - 3500 JACKSONWALD AVENUE				

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	1 YARD WASTE	2 TRASH/RECYCLE	3	4	5	6
7	8 YARD WASTE	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	12	13
14	15 YARD WASTE	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17	18	19	20
21	22 YARD WASTE	23 ELECTION DAY TRASH/RECYCLE OFFICE CLOSED	24 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29 YARD WASTE	30 TRASH/RECYCLE				
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 YARD WASTE	7 TRASH/RECYCLE	8	9 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	10	11
12	13 YARD WASTE	14 TRASH/RECYCLE	15	16	17	18
19	20 YARD WASTE	21 TRASH/RECYCLE	22 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 YARD WASTE	29 TRASH/RECYCLE	30	31	
		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 YARD WASTE	4 TRASH/RECYCLE	5	6	7	8
9	10 YARD WASTE PLAYGROUND OPENS	11 TRASH/RECYCLE	12	13 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	14	15
16	17 YARD WASTE	18 TRASH/RECYCLE	19	20	21	22
23	24 YARD WASTE	25 TRASH/RECYCLE	26 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	27	28	29
30		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

3540 St. Lawrence Ave.
Reading PA 19606
Telephone: 610-779-1430
Fax: 610-779-9148
Email: stlawboro@ptd.net

Website: <https://stlawboro.us>

An answering machine is available when we are closed, away from our desks or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Friday
8:30 AM - Noon

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

County 911 Dispatch Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

To report any incident which adversely affects the health and safety or the environment of the citizens of the Commonwealth:

DEP 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE - 1-800-541-2050

To report any discharge to the storm drain system, sanitary sewer system or waterways that is not the result of hydrant flushing, fire fighting or a rain event: **SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY OR ILICIT DISCHARGE: CALL BOROUGH HALL OR AFTER HOURS CALL DERREK RHOADS OR ALLISON LEINBACH**

Borough Officials - Appointed

Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Codes Officer

Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430
manager@stlawboro.us Home: 610-779-0112
stlawboro@ptd.net Cell: 610-207-8469

Borough Secretary

Amanda Muso Office: 610-779-1430

Parks & Recreation Director

Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430

GIS/MS4, Roadmaster & Asst. Codes Officer

Derrek Rhoads Cell: 484-577-9981

YARD WASTE PICKUP TEXT MESSAGE

OR VOICE MESSAGE

Cell: 610-655-5243

Phone: 610-401-0720

Borough Engineer/Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer

Pamela Stevens, PE - Systems Design Eng.
610-916-8500

Borough Solicitor

Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt
610-670-2552

UCC Building Codes Inspectors

State Inspection Authority, Inc.
610-450-4600

Sewer Engineer

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

Central Berks Regional Police

Ray Serafin, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

Emergency Management Coordinator

David W. Eggert 484-797-5615

Borough Appointed Board/Commission

Planning Commission

Warren Lubenow, Chairman
Joseph Ravert, Vice- Chairman
Robert Gaston
James Lewars
Tracy Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Dorothy Jurasinski
Kristen Livingood

2023 Borough Officials

Mayor

Corrie Zana

Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236
rjmay@aol.com
David W. Eggert, VP 484-797-5615
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645
Michael Fritz 610-587-9794
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632
Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519

Tax Collector

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

Animal Control Officers

Berks Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830
<https://berksarl.org/>

School District

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700
Exeter Twp Sr High School 610-779-3060
Exeter Twp Jr High School 610-779-3320
Reiffton School 610-779-7640
Jacksonwald Elementary 610-779-1820
Owatin Creek 610-406-4580

District Judge Court 23-2-03

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137
6112 Perkiomen Ave Fax: 610-779-4681
Birdsboro PA 19508
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Utilities

Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900
They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.
AVMA 610-779-0150
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317
PA ONE CALL (Call before you dig) 811
J. P. Mascaro 1-800-334-3403

Legislators

STATE

PA House District 126

Hon. Mark Rozzi
District Office
4933 Kutztown Road 610 - 921-8921
Temple, PA 19560-1569 Fax: 610 - 921-9369

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Municipal Governments

Amity Township (610)689-6000
Exeter Township (610)779-5660
Lower Alsace Township (610)779-6400
Mt. Penn Borough (610)779-5151

Libraries

Exeter Community (610)406-9431
Reading Public Library-Main (610)655-6350
Reading Public Library-SE Branch (610)655-6362

County Government Office

Services Center (General) (610)478-6100
Aging (610)478-6500
Assessment (610)478-6262
Berks Heim (610)376-4841
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Clerk of Courts (610)478-6550
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Services (610)374-4800
Human Services (610)478-6194
Parks & Recreation (610)372-8939
Prothonotary (610)478-6970
Public Defender (610)478-6650
Recorder of Deeds (610)478-3380
Register of Wills (610)478-6600
Sheriff (610)478-6240
Tax Claim (610)478-6625
Treasurer (610)478-6640
Veterans Affairs (610)378-5601

State Government

Autism Services 1(866)539-7689
COMPASS/Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912
Childline 1(800)932-0313
CHIP Helpline 1(800)986-5437
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555
DHS HELPLINE 1(800)692-7462
Disability Services 1(800)753-8827
Elder Abuse 1(800)490-8505
Healthy Baby 1(800)986-2229
Healthy Kids 1(800)986-5437
Lead Information Line 1(800)440-5323

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

CURBSIDE ON TUESDAYS BY J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT (MAX SIZE CONTAINER - 64 GALLON) AND 1 BULK ITEM
MATTRESS MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC & SEALED WITH TAPE

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

- * PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST ONE FOOT
- * FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- * SEE BOROUGH WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECYCLING FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING AND MATTRESSES



The Goodwill donation center in St. Lawrence accepts computers and related accessories. Residential donors can drop off any brand of used

computer equipment including monitors, desktops, laptops, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice and speakers in any condition at a Goodwill donation center. It's free and donors can receive a receipt for tax purposes.

**PHARMACEUTICAL DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT
 CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE OFFICE
 2147 PERKIOMEN AVE., MT. PENN**



Accepted: Prescription medication in standard container or sealed bag, over the counter medication, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications and liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers.

CURBSIDE BRUSH & LEAF Information and Requirements



1. Yard waste must be in a paper recycle bag OR a reuseable yard bag. Plastic trash bags will be left at the curb and must be removed promptly.
2. **PLEASE LIMIT THE WEIGHT OF BAG TO 25 LBS.**
3. Only vegetative yard waste may be placed in the recycle bag. If there are any issues - you will receive a door tag that states the problem. Any repeated violations of bag content will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list.
4. Bundled branches 6' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. Limit of 3 bundles OR limbs without prior authorization from the Borough.
5. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
6. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET**
7. You may leave a message on the yard waste answering machine @ (610) 401-0720 BY 9 AM THE DAY OF PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL OR CALL THE OFFICE.
8. **PREFERRED TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED - MOST RELIABLE METHOD**

**DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB
 UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP,
 AS ALWAYS WEATHER PERMITTING**

**(DON'T PLACE BAGS OR CHRISTMAS TREE IF IT IS
 SNOWING)**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP MONDAYS

NO PICKUP - CHRISTMAS WEEK, January 15th & February 19th

TUESDAY PICKUP: January 2nd

ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON

ALL VISITORS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CAR, WHILE ON SITE.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

PLEASE HAVE ALL ELECTRONICS IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR OR BED OF PICKUP TRUCK

MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER VEHICLE (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- * Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc.
- * Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- * Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day)
- * Fluorescent bulbs
- * Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – NO ALKALINE BATTERIES
- * Air Conditions & Dehumidifier

FEE SCHEDULE 2023

RESIDENTIAL

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|---|----------------|
| • All Electronic Items (Residents ONLY) | Free of Charge |
| • Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries | Free of Charge |
| • Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers | Free of Charge |

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONAL - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- **NO TELEVISIONS OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES**
- ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS (BUSINESSES) \$1.00 /item
- FLUORESCENT TUBES, CFL'S & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES \$1.50 /pound
- AIR CONDITIONERS & DEHUMIDIFIERS Free of Charge

AUTOMOTIVE TIRE ONLY - FOUR (4) PER VEHICLE MAXIMUM

- * Standard passenger and light truck tires shall have diameter between twenty inches (20") and thirty-two inches (32") and a width between six inches (6") and twelve inches (12") and shall be free of dirt, water and foreign objects.
- * The tires must not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

FEE SCHEDULE (Effective 05/09/2022) Subject to Change

- * Tires without rims \$ 5.00 each
- * Tires with rims \$ 7.00 each

Berks County Solid Waste Authority www.co.berks.pa.us/swa
 610-478-6362 OR swa@countyofberks.com

TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

The Trout Run Brush Depository is a joint project of Exeter Township and the Borough and managed by the Township Highway Crew. The facility, located at the intersection of W. Neversink and E. Neversink Roads, accepts brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees only, delivered by the Property Owner.

The facility is monitored by cameras 24/7 and entry/exit requires an access card to open the gate. There is a \$25 annual fee for an access card and are available by application at the Exeter Township Municipal Building. There is a limit of one card per household and proof of residency or ownership is required. If Access card is lost or stolen, please notify EXETER TOWNSHIP and the card will be deactivated. To replace a card, the fee is \$25 and the previously issued card will be deactivated.

Landscaping companies doing work on residents' properties are not permitted to use Trout Run. Dumping construction debris or trash of any kind is expressly prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$600 per offense.

Operating Hours(every day): -March 10th to November 2nd: 8 AM - 8 PM EDST

-November 5th to March 9th: 8 AM - 6 PM EST

Times are subject to change without notice

**GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE GATE OR
 YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!**

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help? Call HELPING HARVEST @ 610-926-5802 x 206 to be guided to food assistance.



**STREET
 LIGHT OUT ?**

If you see any street lights that are out report online to https://www.firstenergycorp.com/service_requests/report-lighting-problem.html.

You may also contact Borough Hall with the **10 DIGIT Pole Number** or the closest address with cross streets.